

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

The independent claims have been amended to recite an apparel with an integral display made of a light emitting polymer. The apparel can be worn by a person in the usual manner because the light emitting polymer is very flexible and hence the apparel has the same characteristics as any standard fabric material. The Examiner cites Fitch for teaching an apparel with a flexible display. However, Fitch utilizes an LCD screen which is clearly a stiff material when compared to a standard fabric material. Hence the display must be inherently much smaller because, otherwise the apparel is too stiff to wear comfortably and the LCD screen will have a tendency to crack.

The Examiner further asserts that Shanks teaches the use of light emitting polymers for displays. However, Shanks discloses only a non-planar credit card sized article. Nowhere does Shanks disclose or suggest that light emitting polymer materials can be incorporated into a fabric panel that has the same characteristics as standard fabric material. Accordingly, there is no suggestion in any of the cited references of an apparel formed of an integral display made of a light emitting polymer as described and claimed herein.

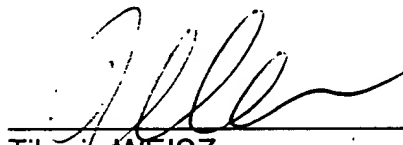
It is respectfully submitted that the subject application as amended hereinabove claims novel and non-obvious subject matter and is in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to use Deposit Account No. 07-1730 for any fees that may be required including fees for extensions. This is a continuing request.

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CLAIMS WITH CHANGES INDICATED

31. (Amended) Apparel to be worn by a person, comprising:

a panel formed of a fabric layer and [a] an integral display layer attached to said fabric layer and formed of a light emitting polymer material suitable to generate electronic images responsive to electrical signals, said panel being flexible; and
a control member generating said electrical signals for said display layer.

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49. (Amended) Apparel for a wearer comprising:

a clothing article constructed and arranged to be worn on the body of said wearer, said clothing article including a panel with a fabric layer;

an electronic display layer [attached to] incorporated into said fabric layer, said fabric and electronic display layer being flexible and being made of a light emitting polymer, said electronic display layer being arranged and constructed to generate images in response to electrical signals; and

a control member coupled to said electronic display layer and arranged to generate said signals.

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60. (Amended) Apparel for a wearer comprising:

a clothing article constructed and arranged to be worn on the body of said wearer, said clothing article including [a] an integral panel forming an electronic display, said panel being flexible and being made of a light emitting polymer; and
a control member coupled to said electronic display and arranged to generate signals corresponding to images shown on said electronic display.

62. (Amended) Apparatus for playing a war game comprising:

a clothing article constructed to be worn by a participant in said war game;
a flexible display formed on said clothing article of a light emitting polymer and arranged to display selectively one of a plurality of images;
a controller generating signals for said display, said signals defining said images;
and
a gun coupled to said controller, said gun generating a beam when activated by said participant.